(c) whether any proposal to reconnect Jabalpur with air services is under consideration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Air Deccan has plans to operate a daily flight on the sector Delhi-Bhopal-Jabalpur and return in their Summer Schedule, 2005.

Besides, Indian Airlines/Airline Allied Services Limited have plans to take 6 ATR aircraft on dry lease basis. One of the services proposed to be operated by these aircraft is a 4 days-a-week service on the sector Delhi-Gwalior-Jabalpur-Delhi.

Bumper Super Saver Scheme of IA

†2193. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether owing to the increased competition with private airlines, the Indian Airlines has taken a decision to introduce a scheme called Bumper Super Saver for attracting those passengers who fly frequently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Indian Airlines introduced the Bumper Super Saver Scheme as a promotional scheme during the lean season, for a limited period of time.

(b) The Bumper Super Saver Scheme for Economy Class effective from 16th February, 2005 provides a 16 coupon ticket for Rs. 65,000/-, whereas the Executive Class offer introduced from 23rd February, 2005 provides for 16 coupon ticket for Rs. 1,00,000/- inclusive of all levies. The tickets purchased under the scheme are valid for travel for one year from the date

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

of issue on all city pairs where there is no change of aircraft and flight number, except the following:—

1. Delhi-Thiruvananthapuram or vice versa
2. Delhi-Coimbatore or vice versa
3. Delhi-Kochi or vice versa
4. Delhi-Kozhikode or vice versa.

Task Force on air service in NER

2194. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Task Force was constituted to examine and make recommendations for improving airport infrastructure and airlinks in North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Task Force has also recommended the development of Silchar Airport runway; and

(d) if so, what is the status of the developmental work of the Silchar airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government had set-up a Task Force to examine and make recommendations to facilitate improved airport infrastructure and airlinks in the North Eastern Region in December, 1998. The Task Force recommended to upgrade the infrastructure facilities at the AAI and Defence airports in North Eastern Region where scheduled airlines are operating, such as extension and upgradation of runways, expansion and construction of new terminal building, provision of modern, navigational landing aids, acquisition of additional land, removal of obstacles, provision of night landing facilities, introduction of 50 seater aircraft, inter-connectivity with the airports and operation of helicopter services etc. Most of the works recommended by the Task Force have been completed at all the airports and civil enclaves owned by AAI except at Silchar (Civil Enclave) and Dibrugarh. Installation of ILS is in progress at Dimapur and Lilabari.